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SUBJ: MBFR: INFORMAL SESSION WITH EASTERN REPRESENTATIVES OF  
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THE FOLLOWING ARE EDITORIAL REVISIONS, APPROVED BY CANADIAN,  
FRG AND US REPS, TO SECOND HALF OF REPORT OF INFORMAL SESSION  
WITH EASTERN REPS OF FEB 17 REPORTED REFTEL. ALTHOUGH REVISIONS  
ARE KEYED TO PARAGRAPH NUMBERS CONTAINED REFTEL, AFTERN MAKING  
REVISIONS, PARAGRAPHS SHOULD BE RENUMBERED BEGINNING WITH  
PARAGRAPH 30 SO THAT THIS SECOND SECTION WILL FOLLOW ON FIRST  
HALF OF REPORT TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL.

A) PARAGRAPH 1 - DELETE PHRASE "AFTER CRITICIZING WESTERN

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PROPOSAL OF DECEMBER 16." IN SECOND SENTENCE, INSERT THE WORD

"ALL-" BEFORE THE WORD "EUROPEAN."

B) PARAGRAPH 2 - REPLACE WITH FOLLOWING:

KHLESTOV THEN GAVE WESTERN REPS RUSSIAN LANGUAGE VERSION OF  
NEW EASTERN PROPOSAL OF WHICH HE READ OUT INFORMAL TRANSLATION  
BY SOVIET DEL AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT: IN THE FIRST STAGE, IN THE COURSE OF 1976, A  
REDUCTION OF ONLY USSR AND USA ARMED FORCES IN CENTRAL EUROPE  
SHALL BE CARRIED OUT BY AN EQUAL PERCENTAGE (APPROXIMATELY  
2 OR 3 PERCENT) OF THE TOTAL MANPOWER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF  
THE WARSAW TREATY COUNTRIES AND OF THE NATO COUNTRIES IN THE AREA.

IN THIS REGARD, IT IS PROVIDED FOR A SPECIFIC REDUCTION ON EACH  
SIDE OF 300 TANKS, THAT IS, TWO OR THREE TANK REGIMENTS, TWO  
OR THREE BRIGADES; 54 NUCLEAR-CAPABLE AIRCRAFT (SOVIET FITTER  
AND AMERICAN F-4); AS WELL AS AN EQUAL NUMBER OF BALLISTIC  
LAUNCHERS (SOVIET SCUD-B AND AMERICAN PERSHING), TOGETHER WITH  
A CERTAIN NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WARHEADS FOR THESE MEANS OF DELIVERY;  
36 SURFACE-TO-AIR GUIDED MISSILE LAUNCHERS (SOVIET SAM-2 AND  
AMERICAN NIKE/HERCULES AND HAWK): AND ONE ARMY CORPS HEADQUARTERS  
WITH COMBAT SUPPORT AND SERVICE UNITS.

WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE REDUCTION OF SOVIET  
AND AMERICAN TROOPS, ALL OTHER STATES HAVING FORCES IN CENTRAL  
EUROPE SHOULD UNDERTAKE PRECISELY FORMULATED COMMITMENTS TO  
FREEZE THE MANPOWER OF THEIR ARMED FORCES AT THE PRESENT LEVEL  
AND TO REDUCE THESE FORCES IN THE NEXT STAGE (IN 1977-1978),  
SO THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE REDUCTIONS IN BOTH STAGES, ALL  
PARTICIPATING STATES WOULD HAVE REDUCED THEIR ARMED FORCES  
BY AN EQUAL PERCENTAGE. THE REDUCTION OF TROOPS SHOULD BE CARRIED  
OUT BY ENTIRE MILITARY SUB-UNITS, UNITS, AND OTHER FORMATIONS,  
TOGETHER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE ARMAMENTS AND COMBAT EQUIPMENT,  
AND NOT BY INDIVIDUAL SERVICEMEN TAKEN FROM DIFFERENT UNITS.

THE REDUCED SOVIET AND AMERICAN TROOPS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN TO  
THEIR TERRITORIES WHERE THEY SHOULD BE DISBANDED. END TEXT.

C) PARAGRAPH 3 - DELETE THE WORD "THEIR" IN FIRST PART OF SIXTH  
SENTENCE. SIXTH SENTENCE SHOULD READ "THE OTHER STATES HAVING  
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TROOPS IN CENTRAL EUROPE WOULD CARRY OUT REDUCTIONS OF THEIR  
FORCES IN A SECOND STAGE, IN 1977-1978." ELEVENTH SENTENCE  
SHOULD READ "IN THE FIRST STAGE, THESE REMAINING COUNTRIES  
WOULD CONFINE THEMSELVES TO UNDERTAKING A COMMITMENT OF A  
GENERAL CHARACTER WHICH WOULD ONLY DEFINE THE FINAL VOLUME AND  
TIME SCHEDULE REPEAT TIME SCHEDULE OF THEIR REDUCTIONS."

D) PARAGRAPH 4 - FIRST TWO SENTENCES SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"KHLESTOV CONTINUED THAT EASTERN REPS WERE TAKING ACCOUNT TO A CERTAIN EXTENT OF ONE FURTHER ELEMENT OF THE WESTERN POSITION, NAMELY, A FREEZE OF THE MANPOWER OF THE GROUND AND AIR FORCES OF THE REMAINING DIRECT PARTICIPANTS DURING THE PERIOD OF THE FIRST SOVIET AND AMERICAN FORCE REDUCTION. EASTERN REPS WERE READY TO AGREE TO THIS REDUCTION OF US AND SOVIET GROUND FORCES ALONE, IF, DURING THE PERIOD OF AMERICAN AND SOVIET TROOP REDUCTIONS, THERE WOULD REALLY BE NO INCREASE IN THE OTHER DIRECT PARTICIPANTS' FORCES."

E) PARAGRAPH 5 - IN FIRST SENTENCE, INSERT WORD "BOTH" BEFORE "GROUND AND AIR FORCES."

F) PARAGRAPH 6 - DELETE WORD "AN" BEFORE WORDS "IMPORTANT PART" IN FIRST SENTENCE.

G) PARAGRAPH 9 - IN LAST SENTENCE INSERT WORD "ARMY'S" BEFORE WORDS "FORCE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM."

H) PARAGRAPH 13 - IN THIRD SENTENCE, REPLACE "ANSWER" WITH "TAKE." IN SEVENTH SENTENCE REPLACE "US" WITH "WEST."

I) PARAGRAPH 14 - IN THIRD SENTENCE, INSERT THE PHRASE "THE FIRST STAGE WITH" BEFORE THE PHRASE "RESPECT TO THE SECOND STAGE?" THE END OF THE FOURTH SENTENCE SHOULD READ, "PRINCIPLE OF EQUAL PERCENTAGE REPEAT PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS?"

J) PARAGRAPH 19 - IN SECOND SENTENCE, DELETE THE WORD "OWN" BEFORE THE WORD "PLENARY."

K) PARAGRAPH 20 - LAST SENTENCE SHOULD READ "THE WEST REPEAT WEST WILL BE HOST." RESOR

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